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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: UN SUGAR CONFERENCE, GENEVA APRIL 18 - MAY 27

THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE OPENING STATE-
MENT MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC
AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS JULIUS L. KATZ AS CHIEF U.S.
DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT NEGOTIATING
CONFERENCE ON APRIL 19, 1977.

BEGIN TEXT

MR. CHAIRMAN:

MY DELEGATION IS PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR
AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES IS AT THE SAME TIME A

MAJOR PRODUCER, CONSUMER AND IMPORTER OF SUGAR. MY GOVERNMENT THEREFORE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS CONFERENCE. THE UNITED STATES SEEKS AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT AS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR NATIONAL SUGAR POLICY. OUR DELEGATION WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AN AGREEMENT THAT BENEFITS CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS OF SUGAR THROUGH THE STABILIZATION OF WORLD SUGAR PRICES AT REASONABLE LEVELS.

IT IS OUR INTENT TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THIS CONFERENCE. WE WANT AN AGREEMENT THAT IS TECHNICALLY SOUND, FLEXIBLE, AND TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, UTILIZES ESTABLISHED TRADE CHANNELS AND PRACTICES. IN OUR VIEW, THE OBJECTIVE OF AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE TO STABILIZE PRICES AROUND LONG TERM MARKET TRENDS, ELIMINATING THE EXCESSIVELY HIGH AND LOW PRICES WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED WORLD SUGAR MARKETS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR OMISSION IN PARA (LAST PARA)

SINCE JANUARY 1, 1975, THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FREE MARKET IN SUGAR. THIS HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF DRAMATIC CHANGE FOR WORLD SUGAR MARKETS. WE HAVE SEEN EXTREME FLUCTUATIONS IN PRICES AND RAPID GROWTH IN THE PRODUCTION OF SUBSTITUTE SWEETENERS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY FOR SUGAR PRODUCERS IN WHICH INVESTEMENT DECISIONS HAVE CARRIED A MUCH HIGHER RISK THAN IN THE PAST.

THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO REMAIN A PART OF THE FREE MARKET. AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT IS THUS IMPORTANT TO US. IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, THE UNITED STATES WILL, OF COURSE, NEED TO RECONSIDER THE MEASURES IT MIGHT TAKE TO ASSIST ITS OWN DOMESTIC PRODUCERS. I WILL STATE FRANKLY, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS NEITHER OUR INTENTION NOR DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE PREFERENTIAL IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM WHICH EXISTED FOR FORTY YEARS UNDER THE OLD SUGAR ACTS.

AS I SAID AT THE OUTSET, THE UNITED STATES IS A MAJOR PRODUCER AND IMPORTER OF SUGAR. AS A PRODUCER WE ARE FULLY AWARE THAT WORLD SUGAR PRICES IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE BEEN WELL BELOW THE PRODUCTION COSTS OF EVEN OUR MOST EFFICIENT PRODUCERS. AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST SUGAR IMPORTER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR STABILITY OF SUPPLY COULD BE ENDANGERED IF PRICES WERE TO BE EXCESSIVELY DEPRESSED OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. THE TASK THAT WE FACE HERE IS TO NEGOTIATE AN ARRANGEMENT THAT CAN PROVIDE OVER THE LONG TERM STABLE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES TO CONSUMERS AND STEADY, PROFITABLE MARKETS TO PRODUCERS.

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THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE THAT EXPORT
QUOTAS COULD PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION
AGAINST EXCESSIVELY LOW PRICES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT EXPORT
QUOTAS WILL BE A NECESSARY MECHANISM TO DEFEND THE LOWER
END OF ANY PRICE RANGE NEGOTIATED.

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AT THE SAME TIME THE UNITED STATES ALSO BELIEVES
THAT ANY AGREEMENT MUST CONTAIN FEATURES THAT PROTECT
CONSUMERS AGAINST EXCESSIVELY HIGH PRICES. WE BELIEVE

THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACHIEVING THIS IS
THROUGH A STRONG SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED
STOCKS ACCUMULATED WHILE SUPPLIES ARE IN SURPLUS. WE
WILL BE PREPARED TO ELABORATE OUR IDEAS ON THESE MATTERS
IN THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE.

AS THIS CONFERENCE OPENS, WE FACE THE CHALLENGE OF
CREATING AN EFFECTIVE NEW ARRANGEMENT TO IMPROVE THE
MARKETING SYSTEM OF A COMMODITY OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO
US ALL. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL CONTRIBUTE
ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THIS EFFORT.

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